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REF: STATE 108457
1. PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE DELIVERED HIS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SECRETARY'S MESSAGE ON DEAN CASE (REFTEL) AFTERNOON OF FEBRUARY 14. IN HIS MESSAGE, PRIME MINISTER SAYS HE HAS NO NEWS TO REPORT BUT PROMISES CONTINUED ATTENTION TO CASE.
2. EMBASSY'S INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF FRENCH TEXT FOLLOWS: "MR. SECRETARY OF STATE:
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MESSAGE CONCERNING THE FATE OF MESSRS. CHARLES DEAN AND NEIL SHARMAN.

"I HAVE PERSONALLY PROMISED MRS. DEAN THAT I WILL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO LOCATE HER SON. IN ADDITION, THE ROYAL GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN SEIZED WITH THIS QUESTION AND PRINCE SOUPHANOUVONG HAS BEEN DULY ADVISED OF IT.

"NEVERTHELESS, GIVEN THE PRESENT STATE OF THE KINGDOM'S DIVISION INTO TWO ZONES AND THE DIFFICULTIES WHICH THAT (DIVISION) ENTAILS, WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN PRECISE INFORMATION ABOUT THE TWO YOUNG MEN.

"IN ANY EVENT, PLEASE REST ASSURED THAT WE WILL NOT LOSE SIGHT OF THIS QUESTION AND THAT I HOPE BEFORE LONG TO HAVE THE PLEASURE OF FURNISHING YOU GOOD NEWS ON THIS SUBJECT."

(COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE).

- 3. SIGNED ORIGINAL BEING POUCHED TO DEPT.
- 4. ASSUME DEPT WILL WISH TO ADVISE HOWARD DEAN OF THIS RESPONSE.

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